

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 06-08-15**

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Commission Meeting: August 15, 2006, 9:00 a.m.

General Introduction This agenda is the Commission's Utility Division agenda for the work week designated. In the later part of each week (generally, Thursday by 2:00 p.m.) prior to the work week to which an agenda pertains, the agenda is posted on the public information bulletin board at the Commission offices, deposited in the mail directed to all persons who have properly requested notice by mail, emailed to all persons who have properly requested notice by email, and posted to the Public Service Commission's worldwide web site located at <http://www.psc.mt.gov>.

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9:00 a.m. Weekly Scheduling (Commission Conference Room – No Web Audio Feed)

9:30 a.m. Business (Bollinger Room)

Public Comments

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. Qwest N2006.7.113 (Scott)

On July 28, 2006, Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal 06-13, Clarification of Change of Responsibility for Certain Business Services. Qwest is requesting

that certain obsolete business services can be transferred between customers. The services are: Qwest Utility Line™, Business CustomChoice®, Qwest Business Line Plus™, Qwest Choice® Business, Qwest Choice® Two-Line Business and Centrex 21 service. Probable Motion: Approve Qwest's Tariff Transmittal 06-13 in Docket N2006.7.113.

2. Qwest Communications Corporation N2006.8.116 (Scott)

On August 1, 2006, Qwest Communications Corporation (QCC) filed Tariff Transmittal QCC06-14, Introduction of Qwest Express Service IP Voice Termination Services. This filing proposes the following: 1) Introduction of Qwest Express Service IP Voice Termination for large business customers; and 2) Add Qwest Express Service for Private Line Transport to the price list. The proposed effective date for this filing is September 1, 2006. Probable Motion: Approve QCC's Tariff Transmittal QCC06-14 in Docket N2006.8.116.

3. YELLOWSTONE PIPELINE CO. D2006.7.110 (JOEL)

On July 21, 2006, Yellowstone Pipeline Co. filed an application to add their Proration Policy (this is used to allocate pipeline capacity to the shippers) in their Montana Tariffs. This will not change rates. Probable Motion: Approve application as filed.

Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. N2006.8.118 – PSC Initiated - Annual ETC Certification to FCC and USAC – Discussion, direction, and action on PSC's 2006 ETC certification process for receipt of 2007 federal universal service funds. (8/15/06)
2. D2004.7.99, D2004.12.192, D2005.6.106 – NorthWestern Energy – NWE gas and electric USB – Discussion, direction, and action on procedures required, if any, for 2006 order (interim or final) regarding NWE's gas and electric USB program allocations. (8/15/06)
3. Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee bill proposals – Discuss/act on draft comments to ETIC regarding LC 170 (Chapter 8 reform), LC 39 (revise telecom laws), LC 90 (CO2 common carrier status), and LC 38 (transmission and transportation authority). (8/15/06)

4. Out-of-state travel – Obtain approval of: (1) Eric Dahlgren's travel to Oklahoma City Sept. 25-29 for a required pipeline safety training course, and (2) Candace Beery's travel to San Diego Sept. 27-29 for a CREPC meeting. (8/15/06)

Other Meetings

8/16/06 10:00 a.m. – Standard & Poor's information meeting (Bollinger Room)

Weekly Scheduling – Will be held at 9:00 a.m. on the day of the Commission Meeting

Notice Items All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda. Public comments on a noticed matter may also be submitted within the required time through the PSC's web-based comment form at <http://psc.mt.gov/Consumers/comments>. Comments should reference the docket number of the matter.

Protective Orders – Notice Items The Commission has received the following requests for protective order pursuant to ARM 38.2.5007. The Commission will rule on the requests no earlier than 10 days after the publication date of this agenda. Comments on the requests may be submitted at any time prior to ruling. Any person wanting a copy of a protective order request should contact the Commission at (406) 444-6199.

Protective Orders – Information Items The Commission has issued the following protective orders. These orders may be challenged pursuant to ARM 38.2.5008. Copies of these orders may be obtained by calling the Commission at (406) 444-6199

1. Qwest Corporation D2006.3.39 (Tim)

A protective order, Order No. 6736a, was issued August 1, 2006, in the above PSC docket, Qwest Corporation's Notification to Offer Certain CLASS Features, AIN Features, Custom Calling Features, Listings and Packages as not regulated.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

New Filings Received in Past Week

N2006.8.117 – PSC Initiated – Maximum Allowable Rates for Intrastate Operator Service Providers

N2006.8.118 – PSC Initiated – Annual ETC Certification to FCC and USAC